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1. SUMMARY. MAKARIOS' DEPARTURE REMARKS COVER FAMILIAR GROUND: LONG STRUGGLE, CONTINUATION OF VIENNA TALKS WITH MINISCULE HOPE OF SUCCESS, SANCTIONS AGAINST TURKEY, APPRECIATION OF USSR POSITION. LOCAL GREEK PAPERS AGREE WITH HIS NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT OF VIENNA II. PUBLIC MOOD SHOWS NO GREAT EXPECTATIONS FROM TRIP TO ARAB LANDS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON LEAVING ISLAND JUNE 16, MAKARIOS PRAISED FRIENDLY TIES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN CYPRUS AND ARAB STATES. HE LINKED CYPRUS SITUATION TO BROADER
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EVENTS IN ARAB WORLD, STREESED " COMMON PRINCIPLES

AND PURSUITS", AND FORECAST " FAVORABLE RESULTS FOR CYPRUS" FROM HIS TRIP TO EGYPT, SYRIA, IRAQ, AND LIBYA.

3. ANSWERING QUESTIONS (REF A) ARCHBISHOP SAID THAT:

A. CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST STAY WITHIN UN FRAMEWORK. VIENNA TALKS WILL CONTINUE BUT " HOPES OF SUCCESS VERY LIMITED." HE REPEATED JUNE 13 CHARGE (REF B) THAT VIENNA II COMMUNIQUE HAD BECOME

"MISLEADING" BECAUSE IT COVERED UP REALITY: I.E.,

NO PROGRES BUT RATHER "RETROGRESSION."

B. GREEK CYPRUS HAS NO CHOICE BUT COMMITMENT TO LONG-TERM STRUGGLE, AS NO ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WILL SOON BE FOUND. HE DECLINED SPELL OUT WHAT THIS STRUGGLE MIGHT ENTAIL.

C. SANCTIONS NEEDED TO BRING GOT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. HE HINTED THAT HE MIGHT RAIS ISSUE WITH ARAB LEADERS " REGARDLESS OF SUCCESS WE MIGHT HAVE".

D. GOC APPRECIATES USSR STAND IN UNSC DEBATE AND SUPPORTS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR BROAD CYPRUS CONFERENCE WHICH HOWEVER NOT POSSIBLE " AT PRESENT AT LEAST", DUE TO " REACTION FROM TURKEY AND PROBABLY OTHER COUNTRIES HIDING BEHIND TURKEY."

E. THERE IS FULL ATHENS-NICOSIA AGREEMENT ON HANDLING CYPRUS PROBLEM, HENCE " ABSOLUTELY" NO REASON TO CHANGE COMMON LINE OR REASSESSE SITUATION. ELLIPTICALLY, MAKARIOS CONFIRMED THAT "SOME REASSESSMENT" UNDERWAY DUE TO FACT THERE " NO PROSPECTS FOR SOLUTION".

4. PRESS COVERAGE JUNE 17 HIGHLIGHTS MAKARIOS" COMMENTS ON STURGGLE, " RETROGRESSION" IN VIENNA II. MOST LOCAL GREEK PRESS JUNE 15, 16 SUPPORTED MAKARIOS EARLIER ATTACK ON VIENNA II TALKS; EDITS RENEWED CALL FOR LONG STRUGGLE, WITH CRUSADE TO RESTORE ECONOMY AS FIRST STEP. ONLY TWO WEEKLIES-- CONSERVATIVE ALLAGHI
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AND INDEPENDENT ALITHIA -- QUESTIONED MAKARIOS' DECISION TO ASSAIL TALKS WHILE CLERIDES OFF ISLAND. BY CONTRAST, CLERIDES' AGHON DID NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE, BUT OPINED THAT MAKARIOS HAD TOLD "GRIM TRUTH".

5. COMMENT. GREEK CYPRIOT MOOD REMAINS GLUM AFTER VIENNA II, UNSC DEBATE. NEITHER GOC MEDIA NOR PRESS EXPECTS GREAT THINGS FROM ARCHBISHOP'S NEWEST ROUND

OF VISITS TO ARAB CAPITALS. END SUMMARY.
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